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New Mexico Labor Market Review

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation was little changed in October, according to preliminary labor force estimates for the month. The State's unemployment rate held constant at 7.4 percent, while the number of jobless experienced a minor increase from September. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) for October was 7.0 percent, down from 7.1 percent in September.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico was estimated at 503,000, a decrease of 1,500 from September. Employment in construction and services usually edges downward in October, as building activity begins to slow for the winter and tourism tapers off, affecting such sectors as lodging places and amusements & recreation. This year, besides these seasonal reductions, employment declines also occurred in metal mining, communications, and public utilities, continuing the long-term employment downturns shown by these three sub-sectors. Government was the only major industry posting additional jobs in October, the result of public schools continuing to staff for the new school year.

Nonagricultural employment has grown by 17,900 jobs or 3.7 percent over the last twelve months. Although this growth rate is better than the two percent increase in 1983 and the employment loss shown in 1982, it is still considerably short of the seven percent job creation of 1978, the last really good year for the State's economy.

Individual industry sub-sectors posting the most significant job gains over the last 12 months were all areas of construction, coal mining, oil & gas extraction, electronic equipment manufacturing, eating & drinking places, general merchandise, food stores, and business services. Real estate and credit agencies have also experienced notable job increases over the last year. Sub-sectors with decreased employment include metal mining, apparel manufacturing, communications, and public utilities.

OCTOBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	637,400	633,800	614,500	+3,600	+22,900
Employment	590,000	586,600	558,600	+3,400	+31,400
Unemployment	47,400	47,200	55,900	+ 200	-8,500
Rate	7.4%	7.4%	9.1%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1984	Revised SEP 1984	Revised OCT 1983	Change From OCT SEP 1984	Change From OCT 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	503,000	504,500	485,100	-1,500	+17,900
MINING	21,400	21,500	20,700	- 100	+ 700
Metal Mining	3,600	3,700	4,200	- 100	- 600
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,300	4,300	3,800	0	+ 500
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,500	13,500	12,700	0	+ 800
CONSTRUCTION	36,900	37,400	34,200	- 500	+ 2,700
MANUFACTURING	35,800	35,900	35,500	- 100	+ 300
Durable Goods	22,900	23,000	22,100	- 100	+ 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,900	5,800	5,100	+ 100	+ 800
Transportation Equipment	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,200	11,100	- 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	12,900	12,900	13,400	0	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	4,900	4,800	4,600	+ 100	+ 300
Textiles and Apparel	2,000	2,000	2,700	0	- 700
Other Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,100	6,100	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,800	29,000	29,400	- 200	- 600
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	- 100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,100	0	+ 400
Communication	7,200	7,300	8,100	- 100	- 900
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,500	- 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	118,900	119,000	112,500	- 100	+ 6,400
Wholesale Trade	21,600	21,600	21,700	0	- 100
Durable Goods	12,300	12,400	12,600	- 100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,100	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	97,300	97,400	90,800	- 100	+ 6,500
General Merchandise Stores	11,800	11,800	10,600	0	+ 1,200
Food Stores	14,300	14,500	13,300	- 200	+ 1,000
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,300	12,300	12,100	0	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	34,900	34,900	32,300	0	+ 2,600
Other Retail Trade	24,000	23,900	22,500	+ 100	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,500	24,500	23,500	0	+ 1,000
Banking	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	+ 200
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,500	10,500	9,800	0	+ 700
SERVICES	104,100	105,300	100,400	-1,200	+ 3,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,900	11,300	10,400	- 400	+ 500
Personal Services	5,200	5,200	4,900	0	+ 300
Business Services	23,500	23,500	22,300	0	+ 1,200
Health Services	25,800	25,900	25,400	- 100	+ 400
Social Services	6,800	6,900	6,400	- 100	+ 400
Membership Organizations	5,800	5,900	5,400	- 100	+ 400
Other Services	26,100	26,600	25,600	- 500	+ 500
GOVERNMENT	132,600	131,900	128,900	+ 700	+ 3,700
Federal	29,500	29,700	28,400	- 200	+ 1,100
State 2/	46,300	46,500	45,400	- 200	+ 900
Local	56,800	55,700	55,100	+1,100	+ 1,700

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate in October was 6.4 percent, down slightly from 6.5 percent in September. Preliminary estimates indicate employment grew by 600 during October to 230,900. Slightly fewer persons were seeking work over the month, with the number of unemployed dropping to 15,900.

The October unemployment rate is down significantly from the 8.2 percent posted one year ago. The number of employed has increased by 18,300 and the jobless level has decreased by 3,100 over the year.

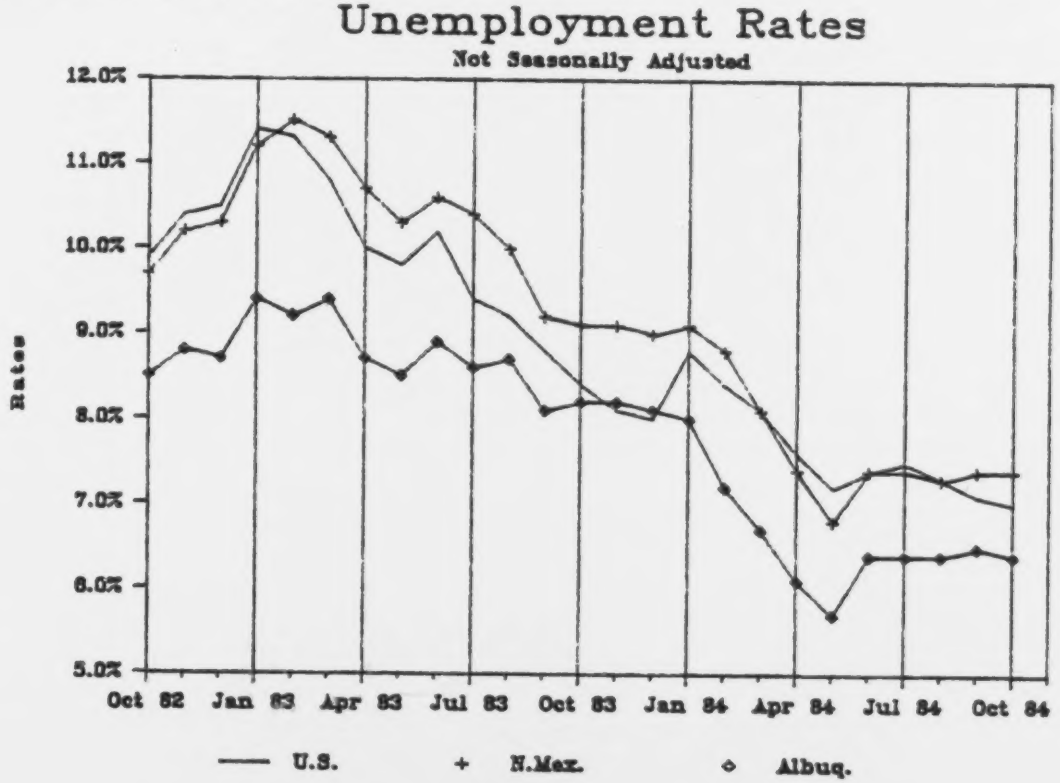
Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 300 higher than in September. The industrial sector changes were mostly small and followed seasonal patterns. The largest increase over the month was in government, centered in the state and local government subsector. This increase is mostly attributed to later than usual hiring by area schools for the fall school term.

Much of the improvement in New Mexico's economy since the 1982 recession continues to be centered in the Albuquerque area. Over the last 12 months total nonfarm payroll employment in Albuquerque has grown by 10,500 jobs, accounting for almost 60 percent of the statewide employment increase over the same period. Industries in Albuquerque which, when compared with statewide data, have posted particularly strong growth are construction, electronic equipment manufacturing, health services and business services.

OCTOBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	246,800	246,300	231,600	+ 500	+15,200
Employment	230,900	230,300	212,600	+ 600	+18,300
Unemployment	15,900	16,000	19,000	- 100	-3,100
Rate	6.4%	6.5%	8.2%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1984	Revised SEP 1984	Revised OCT 1983	OCT Change From SEP 1984	OCT Change From OCT 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	213,000	212,700	202,500	+ 300	+10,500
CONSTRUCTION	16,000	16,000	14,300	0	+ 1,700
MANUFACTURING	19,800	19,800	19,000	0	+ 800
Durable Goods	14,000	13,900	13,400	+ 100	+ 600
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,900	5,600	- 100	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,700	11,700	12,200	0	- 500
Transportation	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,400	0	- 500
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	53,100	53,300	50,800	- 200	+ 2,300
Wholesale Trade	13,000	13,000	13,100	0	- 100
Durable Goods	8,300	8,400	8,400	- 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,700	+ 100	0
Retail Trade	40,100	40,300	37,700	- 200	+ 2,400
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,600	4,000	+ 100	+ 700
Food Stores	4,500	4,600	4,100	- 100	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	15,100	15,300	14,700	- 200	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	11,500	11,500	10,600	0	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,600	12,500	12,000	+ 100	+ 600
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,800	5,700	5,400	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	53,300	53,500	50,700	- 200	+ 2,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,300	3,100	- 100	+ 100
Health Services	12,700	12,800	12,000	- 100	+ 700
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,500	0	+ 400
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	32,900	32,900	31,600	0	+ 1,300
GOVERNMENT	46,500	45,900	43,500	+ 600	+ 3,000
Federal	12,600	12,700	12,200	- 100	+ 400
State	14,100	13,700	12,100	+ 400	+ 2,000
Local	19,800	19,500	19,200	+ 300	+ 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1984	Revised SEP 1984	Revised OCT 1983	OCT Change From SEP 1984	OCT Change From OCT 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	37,600	36,100	34,925	+1,500	+2,675
CONSTRUCTION	2,975	2,900	2,325	+ 75	+ 650
MANUFACTURING	4,000	3,950	3,700	+ 50	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,250	1,375	+ 25	- 100
Transportation	550	550	600	0	- 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	700	775	+ 25	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,625	7,425	6,475	+ 200	+1,150
Wholesale Trade	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Retail Trade	6,850	6,650	5,725	+ 200	+1,125
General Merchandise Stores	825	825	775	0	+ 50
Food Stores	1,200	1,225	675	- 25	+ 525
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	775	750	- 25	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,575	2,475	2,250	+ 100	+ 325
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,350	1,275	+ 100	+ 175
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,375	1,375	1,300	0	+ 75
SERVICES & MINING	5,075	4,750	4,700	+ 325	+ 375
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	575	575	0	0
Business Services	700	700	675	0	+ 25
Health Services	1,250	1,225	1,050	+ 25	+ 200
Social Services	300	325	325	- 25	- 25
Other Services & Mining	2,250	1,925	2,075	+ 325	+ 175
GOVERNMENT	15,275	14,450	15,050	+ 825	+ 225
Federal	4,474	4,300	4,400	+ 175	+ 75
State	5,900	5,400	5,950	+ 500	- 50
Local	4,900	4,750	4,700	+ 150	+ 200

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1984	SEP 1984	OCT 1983	OCT 1984	SEP 1984	OCT 1983	OCT 1984	SEP 1984	OCT 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$482.51	$490.62	$470.22	42.7	42.7	42.4	$11.30	$11.49	$11.09
CONSTRUCTION	381.63	392.25	382.60	35.7	37.5	36.3	10.69	10.46	10.54
MANUFACTURING	317.60	315.62	295.67	40.0	39.7	38.2	7.94	7.95	7.74
Durable Goods	326.01	316.01	313.61	40.1	39.8	39.9	8.13	7.94	7.86
Nondurable Gds	297.40	314.41	259.61	39.6	39.4	34.8	7.51	7.98	7.46
COMM and UTIL	431.79	444.55	407.06	41.8	42.5	41.2	10.33	10.46	9.88
TRADE *	255.93	260.83	255.23	35.3	35.2	35.4	7.25	7.41	7.21
BANKING	204.24	211.43	206.19	37.0	39.3	39.2	5.52	5.38	5.26
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$304.58	$307.71	$292.69	39.3	39.4	38.9	$ 7.75	$ 7.81	$ 7.52

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

Characteristics of Insured Unemployed in New Mexico

The table below displays the number and characteristics of persons receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) in New Mexico by quarter from the 1st quarter 1983 through the 3rd quarter of 1984. During this period New Mexico's economy has been recovering from a recession. The state's unemployment rate has fallen from 11.5 percent in early 1983 to 7.4 percent this October. As expected, improved economic conditions are reflected in the number of U.I. claimants, which is down over 42 percent from the first quarter of 1983. All industries except transportation & public utilities have fewer insured unemployed. Mining and construction showed the greatest reduction of UI claimants with downturns of 76.4 and 50.3 percent, respectively. Unfortunately, the mining reduction is not the result of significantly improved economic conditions in the industry. Current mining employment is largely unchanged from early 1983, indicating that the decline in mining claimants is mostly the result of workers either exhausting their U.I. benefits, taking jobs in other industries, or leaving the state. On the other hand, the 14.1 percent increase in construction employment for the same period indicates that the construction claims drop was mainly the result of improved employment opportunities.

Among the occupational categories, the structural work and miscellaneous groups showed the largest declines in insured unemployment levels over the period. This is to be expected since a substantial number of workers from construction and mining are classified within these two occupational groups.

CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW MEXICO INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

	1st Qtr 1983	2nd Qtr 1983	3rd Qtr 1983	4th Qtr 1983	1st Qtr 1984	2nd Qtr 1984	3rd Qtr 1984	% Change 1st Qtr 83 to 3rd Qtr 84
INDUSTRY								
Total	18,782	16,325	14,173	12,243	13,497	11,332	10,738	-42.8%
Mining	2,783	2,443	2,083	918	819	609	658	-76.4%
Construction	5,101	4,059	3,280	3,481	4,145	3,169	2,536	-50.3%
Manufacturing	2,289	2,140	1,586	1,395	1,799	1,512	1,587	-30.7%
Transportation and P. U.	587	651	735	462	519	516	618	5.3%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,514	3,072	2,583	2,294	2,609	2,221	1,942	-44.7%
Finance	420	334	299	315	315	299	263	-37.4%
Services	3,030	2,767	2,709	2,367	2,363	2,271	2,265	-25.2%
Other	1,058	859	898	1,011	928	735	869	-17.9%
OCCUPATION								
Total	18,782	16,325	14,173	12,243	13,497	11,332	10,738	-42.8%
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	1,782	1,668	1,750	1,471	1,483	1,311	1,357	-23.8%
Clerical	2,351	2,055	1,984	1,774	1,731	1,523	1,585	-32.6%
Sales	752	626	560	493	466	426	413	-45.1%
Services	1,562	1,459	1,365	1,267	1,336	1,355	1,198	-23.3%
Processing	345	279	247	249	250	225	279	-19.1%
Machine Trade	934	938	757	678	688	535	488	-47.8%
Benchwork	857	753	529	458	666	471	695	-18.9%
Structural Work	6,461	5,202	3,926	3,933	4,657	3,656	2,979	-53.9%
Misc.	3,738	3,345	3,055	1,920	2,220	1,830	1,744	-53.3%
AGE								
Total	18,782	16,325	14,173	12,243	13,497	11,332	10,738	-42.8%
Under 25	3,568	3,053	2,504	2,114	2,375	1,963	1,780	-50.1%
25 - 34	7,276	6,266	5,490	4,721	5,175	4,331	4,058	-44.2%
35 - 44	3,942	3,506	3,102	2,749	3,031	2,570	2,424	-38.5%
45 - 54	2,519	2,235	1,968	1,644	1,702	1,454	1,500	-40.5%
55 - 64	1,329	1,138	1,010	929	1,109	925	896	-32.6%
65 & Over	148	127	99	86	105	89	80	-45.9%
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED								
Total	18,782	16,325	14,173	12,243	13,497	11,332	10,738	-42.8%
1 - 2	3,317	2,808	2,413	2,446	2,499	2,203	2,017	-39.2%
3 - 4	2,102	1,835	1,650	1,627	1,695	1,449	1,413	-32.8%
5 - 14	7,985	6,181	5,835	4,855	5,751	4,432	4,659	-41.7%
15 & Over	5,378	5,501	4,275	3,315	3,552	3,248	2,649	-50.7%
SEX								
Total	18,782	16,325	14,173	12,243	13,497	11,332	10,738	-42.8%
Male	13,742	11,657	9,539	8,364	9,566	7,611	6,520	-52.6%
Female	5,040	4,668	4,634	3,879	3,931	3,721	4,218	-16.3%

1/ The characteristics of insured unemployed are developed from a sample of UI claims processed during the week of the 19th of each month. Insured unemployed are only a segment of total unemployment - not included are unemployed new and reentrants, UI exhaustees, UI disqualified, delayed and never filers and unemployed who worked in non-covered industries.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Grand Central will close seven stores in New Mexico, including the five stores in Albuquerque, on January 15, 1985. Each discount department store employs between 70 and 80 workers. MAI/Basic Four Business Products Corporation, a computer software-writing firm, closed in November. The parent company, MAI/Basic Four Systems, was sold to a private investor who elected to close the local company. About 60 local workers lost their jobs as a result of the closing. The first phase of the new 80,000-square-foot Montano Plaza shopping center at Coors and Montano Rds. has been completed. Construction of phase II, an 80,000-square-foot expansion, will start in February. The completion of phase II is scheduled for August 1985. Ground was broken in October for the $500,000 drive-in bank addition at the main branch of First Interstate Bank of Albuquerque. The drive-in bank, located at Third St. and Gold Ave., is scheduled for completion in March 1985. When the addition is finished, First Interstate will begin a $4.5 million renovation of its main building. Bueno Foods Products opened its new 50,000-square-foot, $3 million processing and packaging plant in early November. The company has 100 permanent employees and adds another 120 temporary employees during the green chile harvest. The Air Force Weapons Lab at Kirtland Air Force Base has awarded a $9 million research contract to TRW's Albuquerque Engineering Office. The contract, for the development and testing of aircraft survivability against high altitude electro-magnetic pulse, will add about twelve people to TRW's local workforce which is currently at about 45 people.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) paid more than $58 million to businesses in New Mexico during Fiscal Year 1984. Alamogordo area firms received approximately $24.6 million, Las Cruces businesses got $23.9 million, and Albuquerque area companies received $9.7 million for goods and services to WSMR between October 1983 and September 1984. Scott Air Incorporated laid off approximately 30 workers at its Alamogordo bus air conditioner manufacturing plant.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Monterrey Construction Company of Colma, CA. is the apparent low bidder of $44.8 million for the Brantley Dam Project. U.S. Department of Interior officials are reviewing the bid to make sure it meets project specifications, and the contract is expected to be awarded in December. The dam site is approximately 12 miles north of Carlsbad on the Pecos River. The project is expected to take approximately four years to complete and employ about 300 workers during the construction phase. The area received some bad news recently when the International Trade Commission ruled that potash imports from Israel and Spain were not harming domestic producers. Eddy county produces approximately 85 percent of U.S. potash, and state officials were hoping that trade restrictions would be imposed on countries which are allegedly subsidizing their potash industry. Amax Chemical Company officials have announced the company will shut down its potash mine and refinery December 3rd for at least a month because of "adverse economic factors, including a poor fall fertilizing season, a significant decrease in the price of potash, and a substantial increase in worldwide potash inventories." Approximately 300 of the mines's 400 workers will be laid off due to the shutdown.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Work has started on the 200,000-square-foot North Plains Mall in Clovis. The mall will have J.C. Penney, Walmart, and Beall's department stores and numerous small shops.

ESPANOLA AREA: The Espanola Hospital laid off about seven percent of its 210 staff members in October. The decline in patient admission was cited as the cause of the layoffs.

FARMINGTON AREA: The contract cost for the construction of a 70,000-square-foot

covered grandstand at the San Juan Downs race tract was erroneously published last month as $45 million. The correct contract price should have been $4.5 million. San Juan Regional Medical Center laid off about 55 people in October. Dwindling patient admissions is the reason cited for the layoffs. Gary Williams Oil Producer of Denver has purchased the 16,000-barrel-per-day refinery in Bloomfield from Plateau Inc.. The U.S. Department of Energy has contracted to complete a $12 million uranium tailings cleanup job on 72 acres near Shiprock. The project is expected to last about two years and employ between 80 and 100 people. The Grand Central store in Farmington, which employs about 70 workers, will close on January 15, 1985.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Lea Regional Hospital laid off approximately 20 nursing personnel due to declining patient load. Oil drilling rig activity in the Permian Basin hit a two-year high during the first week of November. Lea County reported 47 rigs in operation, leading all counties in the basin. Lasco Construction Company has started work on the $1.4 million state government office building in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work started in mid-November on a 206-room, $19 million Hilton Hotel on Telshore Blvd in Las Cruces. The Hilton franchise owner is Las Cruces Hotel Associates, and the general contractor on the project is Sheldon Pollack of Los Angeles, CA. The hotel is scheduled to open in early 1986. A new daily airline, JetAire, began servicing the Las Cruces International Airport in November. L'Eggs Products Inc. is adding a 29,000-square-foot warehouse to its apparel manufacturing facilities south of Las Cruces.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Centric Corporation, a Denver-based construction company, has been awarded a $5.2 million construction contract to build a test fabrication facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mesa Diagnostics, a new company in Los Alamos, is gearing up for the first phase of operation. The company will manufacture and market a medical diagnostic tool to detect viruses or bacteria. About 15 employees will be needed when operations begin.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) plans to increase its current workforce of 900 by about 150. TMC has leased additional facilities at the Roswell Industrial Air Center, the site of the company's Greyhound bus manufacturing plant.

SANTA FE AREA: A 500-room hotel, a 18-hole golf course, and 1,500 rental condominiums are all planned for a 560-acre site near the Santa Fe Downs. Work on the development, owned by Ken Newton, is expected to start next summer. The first phase of the construction will be a 250-room luxury hotel costing about $3.5 million. The total development is expected to cost about $65 million. J.C. Penney plans to build an 88,400-square-foot department store at the Villa Linda Mall. Construction will begin next fall with a planned August 1986 opening. Employment at the new store is expected to be approximately 130. The Grand Central store in Santa Fe will close on January 15, 1985.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge (PD) has transferred approximately 125 laid off workers from its New Cornelia Branch in Arizona to its Tyrone copper mine and mill near Silver City. PD'S Tyrone Branch is now employing about 690 workers.

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1984 1/				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1984 1/				REVISED OCTOBER 1983 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	637,341	589,988	47,353	7.4%	633,760	586,554	47,206	7.4%	614,547	558,632	55,915	9.1%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	246,775	230,891	15,884	6.4%	246,277	230,255	16,022	6.5%	231,652	212,616	19,036	8.2%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	48,400	44,988	3,412	7.0%	46,308	42,929	3,379	7.3%	43,919	40,075	3,844	8.8%
Catron	1,017	907	110	10.8%	1,030	932	98	9.5%	1,056	948	108	10.2%
Chaves	25,520	23,650	1,870	7.3%	25,492	23,154	2,338	9.2%	24,931	22,992	1,939	7.8%
Cibola	12,010	10,359	1,651	13.7%	11,750	10,141	1,609	13.7%	11,370	9,508	1,862	16.4%
Colfax	6,474	5,920	554	8.6%	6,670	6,150	520	7.8%	6,957	5,819	1,138	16.4%
Curry	15,549	14,471	1,078	6.9%	15,868	14,832	1,036	6.5%	15,679	14,391	1,288	8.2%
De Baca	1,133	1,051	82	7.2%	1,062	1,000	62	5.8%	1,109	1,044	65	5.9%
Eddy	23,766	21,842	1,924	8.1%	23,814	21,864	1,950	8.2%	24,626	21,621	3,005	12.2%
Grant	10,019	8,790	1,229	12.3%	9,755	8,607	1,148	11.8%	10,154	8,642	1,512	14.9%
Guadalupe	1,480	1,383	97	6.6%	1,502	1,423	79	5.3%	1,606	1,462	144	9.0%
Harding	619	591	28	4.5%	629	601	28	4.5%	694	669	25	3.6%
Hidalgo	2,545	2,416	129	5.1%	2,503	2,401	102	4.1%	2,555	2,384	171	6.7%
Lea	32,357	31,008	1,349	4.2%	32,246	30,914	1,332	4.1%	32,936	30,874	2,062	6.3%
Lincoln	8,243	7,781	462	5.6%	8,937	8,634	303	3.4%	8,152	7,680	472	5.8%
Los Alamos	11,877	11,623	254	2.1%	11,920	11,670	250	2.1%	10,821	10,607	214	2.0%
Luna	5,865	5,359	506	8.6%	5,657	5,147	510	9.0%	5,432	4,929	503	9.3%
McKinley	17,121	15,268	1,853	10.8%	17,131	15,367	1,764	10.3%	17,938	15,874	2,064	11.5%
Mora	1,151	828	323	28.1%	1,132	813	319	28.2%	1,182	831	351	29.7%
Otero	15,700	14,530	1,170	7.5%	15,597	14,555	1,042	6.7%	14,986	13,721	1,265	8.4%
Quay	5,559	5,187	372	6.7%	5,495	5,100	395	7.2%	5,685	5,258	427	7.5%
Rio Arriba	11,546	9,853	1,693	14.7%	11,498	9,773	1,725	15.0%	11,235	9,427	1,808	16.1%
Roosevelt	9,009	8,609	400	4.4%	8,403	8,083	320	3.8%	8,369	7,950	419	5.0%
San Juan	37,048	32,706	4,342	11.7%	36,998	32,704	4,294	11.6%	37,099	32,147	4,952	13.3%
San Miguel	9,263	8,217	1,046	11.3%	8,780	7,724	1,056	12.0%	8,646	7,631	1,015	11.7%
Santa Fe	42,408	40,286	2,122	5.0%	42,676	40,595	2,081	4.9%	41,768	39,269	2,499	6.0%
Sierra	2,661	2,513	148	5.6%	2,640	2,511	129	4.9%	2,660	2,522	138	5.2%
Socorro	5,029	4,685	344	6.8%	4,980	4,623	357	7.2%	4,583	4,230	353	7.7%
Taos	10,740	9,137	1,603	14.9%	10,720	9,107	1,613	15.0%	10,859	9,081	1,778	16.4%
Torrance	2,452	2,243	209	8.5%	2,463	2,261	202	8.2%	2,372	2,230	142	6.0%
Union	2,521	2,431	90	3.6%	2,529	2,439	90	3.6%	2,711	2,595	116	4.3%
Valencia	11,484	10,465	1,019	8.9%	11,298	10,245	1,053	9.3%	10,805	9,605	1,200	11.1%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County